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1. The active anti-aircraft defense of the country is placed in the hands of the air fighter force, with approximately 80 fighter aircraft in the Sofia area, and the army anti-aircraft regiments. The 80-plane fighter force has a duty group who are on continual alert. Since 1950 anti-aircraft artillery batteries have been emplaced around Sofia. This is also true of other major cities in the country. Details of the warning service are not known. Radar installations have not as yet been reported in the country. Night fighters and barrage balloons are totally lacking.
2. Passive anti-aircraft measures are under the control of a special Organization for Anti-Aircraft and Gas Defense. In 1950 the organizing of mass courses for the citizenry was begun and everyone was forced to attend. In these courses the people were trained in anti-aircraft defense measures and first aid. Women were included in these courses, as well as youths under military age. The courses last ten days, and are devoted entirely to theory; there are no practical applications or practical problems. No trial alert of the citizens' anti-aircraft service has been held to date.
3. The work of cleaning and refitting old air raid shelters has been accelerated and some construction of new shelters is being undertaken. A special air raid shelter for the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party is located under St. Sofia Church. A new air raid shelter has been erected under the Ministerial Council Building (former Palace). Near the village of Kremikovtzi a new and very modern air raid shelter has been erected, with telephones, ventilation, food storage, water and all conveniences for the members of the Central Committee and the Ministers in the event of an evacuation from the capital. All factories and office buildings have undertaken the ordinary air raid protective measures, which include removing all inflammable material from attics and placing fire extinguishers and pails of sand at critical locations. Since 1950 factory whistles and sirens are no longer used, as they are the signal for an air raid alert.
4. The available anti-aircraft guns in the country are very small in number and little attention is being paid to this type of defense. There are only five anti-aircraft artillery regiments. The cities of Bulgaria are almost defenseless because of the lack of massed anti-aircraft batteries and ammunition.

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1. [REDACTED] reports the existence and locations of a radar installations in Bulgaria. **CONFIDENTIAL**

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